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1. At the beginning of February 1955 there was a change in the plant management of VEB Lokomotivbau Karl Marx Babelsberg. The manager, Siekrit, was sent away for a year to attend a school. His place was taken by Schulz who had up to that time been his deputy. Both are members of the SED.
2. New Designs:
 - a. A 1000 hp freight locomotive with an average speed of 60 km. p.h.
 - b. A 15 hp Diesel locomotive for use in mines.

(Both the above models are to go into serial production).

 - c. The much advertised locomotive with automatic coal stoking, evolved by the Karl Marx plant is not proving successful, because it can only use a certain grade of coal. Serial production is being cancelled.
 - d. About 100 models of the second version of the coal dust fired locomotive designed in the Karl Marx plant by Wendler (a National Prize Winner) are now in operation on East German railroads.
3. Recently a number of new machines have arrived at the plant from VEB Maschinen- und Zahnraederfabrik Gotha and have been stacked in an empty hall. Their purpose is not known.
4. During the past fiscal year, the plant incurred a loss of over 1,000,000 eastmarks. The loss was attributed to shortage of materials and the idle of consequent idleness of machinery.

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